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FOREIGN AND INSULAR

ARABIA

ADEN—Smallpox

The American consul at Aden reported January 9 to the Department of State the presence of smallpox at that port.

CHINA

AMOY—Plague Outbreaks in Vicinity

Acting Asst. Surg. Bonthius reports December 14 that severe outbreaks of plague, occurring both in the bubonic and pneumonic forms, were reported from the interior about 60 miles from Amoy.

SHANGHAI—Smallpox—Plague Rats

Acting Asst. Surg. Ransom reports December 14:

Smallpox has assumed almost epidemic proportions. Among foreigners 11 cases are reported present in hospital with additional cases scattered throughout the foreign settlement. The cases among natives are numerous, but no approximately accurate estimate of the number is obtainable.

There have been no cases of smallpox during the present epidemic among persons who had been successfully vaccinated within 3 years. There have been 2 mild cases among those unsuccessfully vaccinated about 9 months ago and successfully vaccinated a number of years previously. Two deaths occurred among persons successfully vaccinated in childhood but not vaccinated later, and 1 death of an unvaccinated person is reported.

Plague-infected rats are being found in considerable numbers.

AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY—Examination of Rats for Plague Infection

The following information is taken from bulletins issued by the department of health of New South Wales:

Month of November, 1910

Total number of rats destroyed, 5,920; examined 2,033. No plague-infected rats found.

Date of last case of human plague May 29, 1909.

Date of last case of rodent plague April 25, 1910.